UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: 6/23/64

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: ERNEST CUNEO
NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE

Ernest Cuneo came by my office on 6/19/64 and stated that he wished to advise me in confidence that he had been commissioned to prepare a lengthy article on the Kennedy assassination with emphasis on the Warren report. He stated that Allen Dulles was to be a principal source of information for him prior to the time the report was issued. He asked, however, that I show him, in strict confidence, a copy of the report that was sent to the Warren Commission.

I told Cuneo that we respected his friendship highly and appreciated his need for information; however, he should know that the Warren Commission has specifically requested that we refrain from making any statements whatsoever until the release of their report. I told him that obviously it would be out of the question for me to show him our report. He then wanted to know if I could give him guidance. I told him we would cross that bridge when we came to it.

Cuneo specified again that he thought he could get sufficient information from Allen Dulles to write his article; however, it would be helpful if he could call us from time to time. He reminded me that he had gone to bat for us with Drew Pearson when Pearson was criticizing the FBI. I told him this was true and that his friendship was evident. I told him also that Pearson twice criticized the FBI following his contact with him. I mentioned that Pearson did not cut out the criticism until I had a lengthy session with him and laid numerous facts on the line.

Cuneo indicated he would get back in touch with us and he fully understands that we cannot show him the report in question. He stated he was leaving my office to go over and see Allen Dulles at that particular time.

ACTION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
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